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INVICTUS

Out of the night that covers me,
  Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever Gods may be
  For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
  I have not winced nor cried aloud,
Under the bludgeonings of chance
  My head is bloody but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
  Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
  Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
  How charged with punishment the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
  I am the captain of my soul.

—William Ernest Henley.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

I envy the beasts two things—their ignorance of evil to come, and their ignorance of what is said about them.

—Voltaire.

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But, verily, I say unto you, teach one another according to the office wherewith I have appointed you,

And let every man esteem his brother as himself, and practice virtue and holiness before me.

—Doctrine and Covenants 38: 23, 24.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

"AND it came to pass that after we had sailed for the space of many days, we did arrive to the promised land; and we went forth upon the land and did pitch our tents, and we did call it the promised land."

This is a reproduction of a fine painting depicting the incident described in the above verse. In those far-off days it must indeed have been very satisfying to those early refugees to find terra firma once more beneath their feet. Little did they realise how great a chapter they were commencing in the world's history.

Convictions

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE CLOSING CONFERENCE ADDRESS OF

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

OCTOBER, 1941

I UNDERSTAND there are a lot of our boys here today that are in the army. I hope and pray and plead that every boy will feel in his heart: "I want to know what is right and clean and pure and holy, and I want God to help me." I want every Latter-day Saint soldier to get down on his knees and pray God to help him to lead a clean life, and to preach the Gospel while he is in the army. The army, as a rule, is a demoralizer of the morals of men, to a very great extent. They think: "Oh, well; we are going to be killed anyway—let's have a h—l of a good time." Do not wish for any such good time; there is no good time anywhere for any human being except by doing good and doing right. There is a peace, a joy, and a happiness that comes from doing right that nothing else can compare with. There are no people in all the world that are as happy and as contented as the true Latter-day Saints, and there are no people that are much more miserable than those that finally apostatize. I have met them and I have not forgotten when one man laughed at me because I believed firmly in the Church, and its principles and doctrines. He said that anyone who believed in such things lacked intelligence. This man was an apostate. I was able even as a boy to say to him: "The life of the apostate is a greater testimony to me than anything else of the divinity of the work in which I am engaged, except the teaching of my beloved mother. I have seen good men change and become bad men and then apostatize, but I have never known a good man, a tithe-payer, an observer of the Word of Wisdom, to ever apostatize.

Now, I pray the Lord to bless our boys. I give them my blessing, and I have the right to bless them, and I promise them that if they will be prayerful, God will give them joy even in the army, if they will live sweet and clean lives. I do hope and pray that they will be like the Lamanites who were converted and who when they went into war none of them lost their lives. A marvellous story that you will find in the Book of Mormon.

I want to say that I love the Latter-day Saints, and I love the word of God; and I want you to know that I thank God that the Gospel is one of forgiveness. I shall tell you one incident in my life.

A man was cut off from the Church for adultery, and asked to be restored. President John Taylor wrote a letter to the brethren that had taken action against the man, in which he said: "I want every man to vote his own convictions, and not to vote to make it unanimous unless it is unanimous."

When the matter was presented and voted upon, the vote stood half for and half against restoration.

Later he came up again, and a majority were in favour of his being baptized.

Finally, all of the men that were at the trial, except one, voted to let him be baptized. President John Taylor sent for me and told me I was the only man that stood in the way of this man's being baptized, and he said: "How will you feel when you meet the Lord, if this man is permitted to come up and say he repented although his sins were as scarlet, and you refused to let him be baptized?"

HEEDS SACRED BOOK

I said, "I will look the Lord squarely in the eye, and I will tell him that any man that can destroy the virtue of a girl and then lie and claim that she was maligning him and blackmailing him, will never get back into this Church with my vote. You said in your letter to vote our convictions, and I will vote them and stay with them unless you want me to change."

He said, "Stay with your convictions, my boy."

I walked to my home, only one block away. I picked up the Doctrine and Covenants. I was reading it prayerfully and humbly, and marking passages. Instead of it opening at the bookmark, it opened at the passage:

"Wherefore, I say unto you, that ye ought to forgive one another; for he that forgiveth not his brother his trespasses standeth condemned before the Lord; for there remaineth in him the greater sin.

"I the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men."

I shut up the book and rushed back to the President, and I said, "I give my consent."

HOPE FOR FORGIVENESS

Brother Taylor had a habit, when something pleased him, of shaking himself and laughing. He shook himself and laughed, and said: "My gracious, Heber, this is remarkable; what has happened?" And I told him. He said, "Heber, when you left here a few minutes ago, did you not think: What if he had defiled my wife or daughter? And when you thought that, did you not feel as if you would like to just knock the life out of that man?"

I said, "I certainly did."

"How do you feel now?"

"Well, really and truly Brother Taylor, I hope the poor old sinner can be forgiven."

"You feel a whole lot better, don't you?"

I said, "I certainly do."

He added: "I put that clause in that letter for you and my son. You have learned a lesson as a young man. You have learned a good lesson, that this Gospel is one of forgiveness of sin, of awful sin, if there is true repentance, and it brings

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Avoid Appearance Of All Evil

By Robert W. English

A BOY bought a new bicycle. He was proud of it and it "rode like a million," until he ran into some curbs and bent the pedals. Riding with those bent pedals was disagreeable for a while, but gradually he became so used to them that he didn't even notice that they were bent! For several months he continued to ride the bicycle with the bent pedals. Then one day he got on another bicycle, and, if you can imagine it, those pedals were bent! There were, in all, four bicycles there, so the young man tried them all, and all except one had bent pedals. That one was his own. He had become so used to riding the bicycle with bent pedals that after a while they seemed straight and it was all the others that were crooked!

A young man of correct training and high ideals went away to work among boys and men whose ways were questionable and whose ideals were low. He was shocked at the language they used and the thoughts they expressed. Well, he worked with them for quite a while, and gradually he became so used to the language that he didn't mind it. He smelled the tobacco smoke until he thought he liked it. One day he accepted a cigarette. Soon he joined the boys in their after dinner smoke. Then he was smoking habitually all day with them. His language was the same as theirs, and there was no friction between them in their social relations. Vacation time came, and he went home, but among his old friends he felt like an outcaste. He smoked, they didn't. His language they didn't use. He didn't feel at home with them, so he went to another place where he was also well known. There also he felt ill at ease. So, being basically of good spiritual training, he thought to himself, "What have I done? I've let my environment control me until to a certain extent I am a slave to that environment. I don't like being as I am. I remember how I felt when I left home, and I don't like the contrast." So he started to straighten himself out. He quit smoking, and quit his job so that he could associate with the right kind of people in order that his environment might help him on the road to recovery.

"Vice is a monster of such frightful mien,
As to be hated needs but to be seen;
But seen too oft-familiar with her face;
We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

—Alexander Pope.

AVOID THE VERY APPEARANCE OF EVIL.

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NOTICE

DUE to restricted space in the Mission Office, and the increasing amount of work entailing extra staff, it has become necessary to accommodate some of the Missionaries in the homes of Saints. Please note, however, that all business letters will be addressed as usual to their respective Departments at 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

For The Young Folk

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

DO you know what is means to be honest?

Alberta and John Lee were delighted when their little Scotch cousin came to live with them. The first day he went to school they thought him remarkably good. He wasted no time in play when he should have been studying, and he advanced rapidly. Before the close of school the teacher called the roll and the children began to answer "Ten." When Willie understood that he was to say "ten" if he had not whispered during the day, he replied, "I have whispered." "As many as ten times?" asked the teacher. "I suppose so," answered Willie. "Then I shall mark you zero," said the teacher sternly, "and that is a great disgrace."

After school, John said, "Why, I did not see you whisper once." "Well, I did," said Willie. "I saw others doing it and so I asked to borrow a book; and then I asked a boy for a pencil; another for a knife; and I did several such things—I supposed it was allowed." "Oh, we all do it," said Alberta, reddening. "There isn't any sense in the old rule, and nobody can keep it; nobody does." "I will, or else I will say I haven't," said Willie. "Do you suppose I will tell ten lies in one heap?" "Oh, we don't call them lies," muttered John. "There wouldn't be a credit among us at night if we were so strict." "What of that, if you tell the truth?" said Willie bravely.

In a short time the class all saw how it was with Willie. He studied hard, played with all his might in playtime; but according to his reports, he lost more credits than any of the others. After some time more of the class began answering "Nine" and "Eight" oftener than they used to; and yet the schoolroom seemed to have grown quieter. Sometimes, when Willie Grant's mark was even lower than usual, the teacher would smile, but said no more of disgrace. Willie never preached at them, or told tales, but somehow it made them ashamed of themselves to see that this sturdy blue-eyed Scotch boy must tell the truth.

At the end of the term, Willie's name was very low down on the credit list. When it was read, he had hard work not to cry, for he had tried very hard to be perfect, but the very last thing that closing day was a speech by the teacher, who told of once seeing a man muffled in a cloak. He was passing him without a look, when he was told that the man was a General, and a great hero. "The signs of his rank were hidden, but the hero was there," said the teacher. "And now, children, you will see what I mean when I give a present to the most faithful boy in school, the one who really stands highest in deportment. Who shall have it?" "Willie," shouted all the children at once, for the boy whose name was so low on the credit list had made truth noble in their eyes.

To be honest is to say what you mean, to speak the truth, to be fair, and do the right thing. An honest person never, never cheats. —Adapted from "The Children's Friend."

E. M. B.

L.D.S. Pen Friendship League

Under the direction of President A. K. Anastasiou

LATTER-DAY SAINTS—YOUNG PEOPLE—GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

THE counsel and advice of the leading Authorities of the Church to the young Latter-day Saints to marry within the Church so often repeated, should be taken to heart and taken very seriously, and, on the other hand, very humbly. Those who follow this guidance shall be blessed.

Men of this Church, who are true to the covenant and magnify their Priesthood, are called the Sons of God. Those outside the Church, who do not hearken to the voice of the Lord, are called the sons of men. Similarly, Sisters of the covenant, are the daughters of God; others, the daughters of men. In the days of Noah, the anger of the Lord was kindled against the fair daughters of the sons of Noah because these daughters married the sons of men.

Our League is of service to the sons and daughters of God.

Kindly note, we do not undertake to find pen friends for any individual member. Names and address are published on this page from time to time for you to write to. WE WISH YOU EVERY BLESSING AND HAPPINESS IN SEARCH OF TRUE LATTER-DAY SAINT COMPANIONS.

"I think the L.D.S. Pen Friendship League is a good idea to keep the Brothers in the Forces in touch with Sisters of their own religion. I am a lonely Sister and would like to write to a Brother about 20-24. I have been in the Church 15 years. I am 19."—Miss Laura Jackson, L.D.S., 1 Vernon Cottage, Vernon Street, Hyde, Cheshire.

"As I am doing war work and can be classed as one of those girls, I would love to have a pen friend to exchange thoughts and ideas. I am 21 years of age and come from good Mormon stock. I enjoy dancing, cycling, good reading, etc."—Miss Grace Rudd. L.D.S., Y.W.C.A. Hostel, Scafell, No. 9, Balsham Lane, Buxton, nr. Chorley, Lincs.

Brethren have been very shy to write so far. Here is part of a letter:

"I received a letter from my Mother and she told me I should write to you about pen-friendship. Well, I would like a friend to correspond with in the Church, abroad, if possible."—L/Cpl. Tom Moss, c/o British Mission H.Q., 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS—YOUNG PEOPLE—GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

A. K. A.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Liverpool

A grand opening Social was held in the Blackburn Branch Hall on November 22nd, commemorating the opening of this Branch after a two year closure. Brother Eddie Preston presided, and 23 members and friends participated in community songs, and games under the direction of the District M.I.A. Supervisors, Sister Gertrude Corless and Brother Edwin Astin.

The following day, 22 members and friends were present at, and enjoyed, the first Sacrament meeting to be held in the Blackburn Branch for two years. District President P. L. Cookman spoke upon "The Material Things of Life." Brother John Moore of the District Presidency and Brother Herbert F. Taylor, also addressed the congregation.

Newcastle

A Lantern Lecture was held on Thursday, 27th November, in the home of Brother Stanley Short, of West Hartlepool. The Lecture, "Down Pioneer Trails," was given by Brother Short, and 23 people were present.

A Southern Section Convention was held at Middlesbrough on Sunday, 23rd November, under the direction of District President F. W. Oates. President Herbert Walker of the Leeds District was present at the first meeting, commencing at 1.30 p.m., and spoke upon "Man's Sixth Sense." Other speakers were Sister Louisa E. Grint and Brother Stanley Short. Speakers at the second meeting, which convened at 3.40 p.m., were Sisters Ruth Schofield and Louisa E. Grint, Brother Stanley Short, and District President F. W. Oates. Twenty-five members were present at the first, and 31 at the second, session.

Norwich

The Norwich Branch Relief Society, supported by the M.I.A., held a very successful Social on Tuesday, 4th November. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the Saints, under the leadership of Sister Elizabeth Simpson and Brother John F. Cook. Funds were raised for Christmas relief.

Nottingham

A very successful and enjoyable social was sponsored in the Eastwood Branch on Saturday, 22nd November, by Lady Missionaries Violet G. Thomas and Gwendoline C. Farmer, assisted by Brothers Edward A. and Thomas Wright, Joseph Hayes, and the Relief Society Sisters.

Various items were given, including a violin solo by President G. Allen, humorous poems and jokes, etc., by Brother Edward Wright, a solo by Brother Joseph Hayes, and a humorous duet by Sisters Thomas and Farmer. Solos were also given by Sister Eva Williams and Sister Sarah Grundy. The evening was a huge success; 60 to 70 were present, and funds were raised for the Sunday School.

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From one of our Brethren in Forces comes the following message:

"IN my travels with the Army I have not been as yet been lucky enough to be stationed in a town where a Branch of the Church is organised, but in the near future I hope to be more fortunate. I should like very much to be able to visit the meetings again. May I wish all my friends of the Handsworth Branch a very enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for sending me the 'Star'; it is good to see that our Church is carrying on, and I know that it always will."—F. Bailey.

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ARE YOU WRITING THAT STORY OR POEM? MAKE IT SNAPPY. YOU HAVE TILL DECEMBER 18th.

The Latter-Day Saints' "Millennial Star"

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EDITORIAL

A *Positive Religion*

WE believe in a positive religion. The entire history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been filled with action. The lives of the members of the Church are usually filled to capacity. There is something to do in the Church for every man, woman and child.

There are reasons why this has been the fundamental policy of the Church in the past and there is no doubt that this same policy will continue in the future.

It is the new branches on a fruit tree that produce the most fruit. Likewise, it is the new growth that comes from study and work that produces spiritual progress.

We do not believe that faith alone is sufficient. Faith must be accompanied by good work before it is true faith. A person who relies on faith alone is like a man in a boat with only one oar. The boat merely turns around in circles and does not go forward

"For behold it is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore, he receiveth no reward.

"Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness.

"For the power is in them wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward.

"But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned.

"Who am I that made man, saith the Lord, that will hold him guiltless that obeys not my commandments?

"Who am I, saith the Lord, that have promised and have not fulfilled.

"I command and men obey not. I revoke and they receive not the blessing."—Doctrine and Covenants 58: 26-32.

In the field of religion people seem to feel that they can get something for nothing. They expect that in some miraculous way they may be forgiven at the last moment for wrong doing over an entire life-span. They expect death to change them from sinners to saints, or from selfish people to unselfish people. Character is not changed that way.

Anyone who has tried to break a habit knows that it takes time and perseverance. Character and personality are not built in a day. People cannot become spiritual over night. A squash can be grown in a few months, but it takes years to grow an oak. The Lord is not interested in a person who patterns his life after a squash.

People who wait until the final moment and then expect forgiveness must assume that the great change comes just before death, at death or immediately after death. But this cannot be.

"For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold this life is the day for men to perform their labours.

"Ye cannot say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God; nay ye cannot say this; for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world.

"For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance even until death, behold ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth seal you his; therefore, the Spirit of the Lord hath withdrawn from you and hath no place in you and the devil hath all power over you and this is the final state of the wicked."—Alma 35: 32-35.

So much stress is laid on some negative things in the Church that many people feel that they are living the Gospel of Jesus Christ when they refrain from using tobacco, liquor, tea and coffee.

To refrain from using these articles that the Lord has declared poisonous, is good; but it isn't everything. It isn't what you haven't done that will bring salvation—it is what you have done of a positive nature that is important. The Lord doesn't want His people to spend all their time not doing the things they are not supposed to do. He wants them to be doing something constructive in their own lives and the lives of their fellow-men.

There is no other activity where men get compensated for doing nothing. Men do not expect to get paid a salary or wages unless they work. Students do not expect to graduate from high school or college unless they meet at least the minimum requirements.

In public office men are guilty of malfeasence when they do wrong. They are guilty of misfeasance when they do things the wrong way. They are guilty of nonfeasance when they do not do anything or do not do enough work to fill the position.

If these terms were applied to religion, not many members of the Church would be guilty of malfeasance or the things that would make them liable for disfellowship or excommunication. More might do things that were not in accordance with the high standards of the Gospel where only God would be the judge.

Some men might, through lack of knowledge, do something wrong that they did not know was wrong. God will be the judge, taking into consideration the opportunity that has been given to know truth from error or right from wrong.

Many, however, would be guilty of the sin of nonfeasance. If a person were called before the judgment seat of God and asked what has been done to inherit eternal life, a person could not just say, "I have not used tobacco, liquor, or tea and coffee. I have not violated this law or that law." The answer would probably be, "That is very nice, but what have you done to be worthy of exaltation?"

"For our works will condemn us, yea, all our words will condemn us; we shall not be found spotless; and our thoughts will also condemn us; and in this awful state we shall not dare to look up to our God and we would fain be glad if we could command the rocks and the mountains to fall upon us and hide us from his presence."—Alma 12: 14.

—Ira J. Markham

PERSONALS

ASTIN—A son was born to Sister and Brother Astin of the Accrington Branch on October 25th, and was blessed on November 16th by District President P. L. Cookman.

HILL—A son was born to Sister Dorothy Hill and Mr. Fred Hill on September 7th, and was blessed by Brother Herbert Taylor on November 23rd, and given the name of George.

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DEATH

HORLACHER — Brother Herman Horlacher of the Dublin Branch died suddenly on November 19th, 1941. Funeral Services were conducted in the Deans Grange Cemetery. District President Christian F. Steele took charge and delivered a short address. The grave was dedicated by Elder Harold P. Mogerley.

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PRESIDENT ANASTASIOU has received a letter from Sister B. M. Cornish, 43 Churchgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, in which this Sister states she would like to open her home for meetings for members in the Forces or in Civil life. She says:

"There are many members of the Forces here, boys and girls, and I feel sure there must be some members of the Church amongst them. My husband holds the Melchizedek Priesthood, and would be able to administer the Sacrament at Sunday evening meetings. If the members here do not receive the 'Star' themselves, perhaps their parents would pass on this information."

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CONVICTIONS

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peace into your heart when you forgive the sinner. It brings peace when you love the man that you hated, provided the man turns to doing right. You have learned a lesson in your youth. Never forget it." And I never have.

MUST REALLY REPENT

But there is one thing that is necessary—and I warn you all—and that is this: "By this ye may know if a man repenteth of his sins—behold, he will confess them and forsake them." If he has not truly repented, President Taylor said his being baptized will do him no good.

God bless you, one and all, and every honest soul—and every wicked soul that repents—I humbly pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Amen.

AUXILIARY SECTION

PRIESTHOOD

Under the direction of the Mission Presidency

185,000 men ordained to the Priesthood of the Son of God, possessing Powers, Keys and Authorities to act in His Name, have accepted the obligation to devote their time and talents, as far as possible, to building up the Kingdom of God on earth. This great army of the Lord, actuated by the high ideals of the Prophet of the 19th Century who exemplified the teachings of Christ, "If my life is of no value to my friends, it is of no value to me," without thought for material recompense, are scattering sunshine, joy and peace among their fellowmen.

This great army of the Priesthood of God are responsible for building up this Church in many parts of the world. Morality, virtue, contentment, and many other achievements in the field of human endeavour, are attracting the attention of the thinking people of the world.

In the heart of every Latter-day Saint the voice of the Lord is ever whispering this recorded revelation:

"Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God;"

"And if it so be that you should labour all your days, and bring save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy in the Kingdom of my Father!"

All members of the Priesthood are under the requirement to keep themselves fully fit to possess and exercise the power of the Priesthood.

PRIESTHOOD OF THE CHURCH IN THE BRITISH MISSION, UNITE YOURSELVES IN THE BONDS OF LOVE, VIRTUE, SERVICE AND BROTHERHOOD AND PREPARE YOURSELVES TO STAND CLEAN AND UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD AND DO YOUR DUTY TO YOUR GOD AND TO YOUR KING.

PRESIDENT A. K. ANASTASIOU.

BRANCH TEACHERS—HOME MISSIONARIES

The Branches of the Church in the British Mission are on the increase. Due to the efforts of the Home Missionaries visiting inactive Saints, there are signs of re-opening several centres where Branches used to be functioning in years gone by. Independent home efforts for Mutual, Beehive and Relief Society work are reported from several parts of the country.

Cottage Meetings are in evidence more than ever before. A handful of faithful members of the Priesthood, assisted by a great number of Home Missionaries, are bringing into the Homes of some of our Saints, who have not partaken of the Sacrament for a number of years, a new joy, new hope and confidence in themselves and in the faith of our Master.

More than ever before, the British Mission Presidency are in need of co-operative efforts on the part of all our members.

The December project of visiting and locating every member, to bring our Branch Records up to date, will be closed on December 20th. It is sincerely hoped that every Branch, although faced with many obstacles and difficulties in the present circumstances, will strain every muscle to visit and find those of our fellow members who have not been heard of for a long time.

SUGGESTION. Will the Priesthood and the Home Missionaries bear in mind that their duties are not simply a matter of volition or voluntary effort. In accordance with the revealed word of the Lord, they are commanded to do this work and build up this Church.

> "I give unto you a commandment that ye shall teach one another the Doctrines of the Kingdom.
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> "Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in Doctrine, in the law of the Gospel, in all things that pertain to the Kingdom of God that are expedient for you to understand.
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> "And as all have not faith, teach diligently and teach one another words of wisdom."—Doctrine and Covenants 88: 77, 78, 118.

RELIEF SOCIETY

President - - - - - Sister Marie W. Anastasiou
First Counsellor - - - - - Sister Helen E. Poole
Second Counsellor - - - - Sister Maud B. Hawkes
Secretary - - - - - - - - Sister Miriam Mann

EXTRACTS FROM THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN FOR THE RELIEF SOCIETY CENTENNIAL PLANS

Only four months remains before our One Hundredth Birthday. As the time for the event grows near we are thinking Centennial, discussing Centennial, and preparing for Centennial celebrations. We are sure you are reading over again the Historical Section of our Relief Society, Biographies and Autobiographies of Relief Society women of today and of the past.

It has been suggested that on March 17th, our actual birthday, there be local observances of the Centennial day by every Branch. These local observances will be in the form of a Social, with perhaps a short programme (i.e., plays and short human interest stories of true incidents in Relief Society work, etc.). These local observances are to be followed by a general celebration to be held in April at the time of the Relief Society General Conference in Salt Lake City. Branch Presidents are asked to give either part or the whole of the programme over to the Relief Society on **SUNDAY, APRIL 5th, 1942.**

With the approval of the Branch President, the General Board recommends the planting of Relief Society Centennial Memorial Trees on Church grounds. Not only will these trees add to the beauty of Church grounds, wherever planted, but they will be a living monument to the Relief Society throughout the years. A majestic tree, slowly but surely growing, with its roots firmly planted in the earth and its branches ever reaching heavenward, is typical of our great organization and its century of service. It is recommended that the English Oak tree be used in this country. It is suggested:

1. That each Branch Relief Society President arrange with the Branch President for the planting of a hardwood tree on the grounds of the Branch Chapel in a suitable location;
2. That each of the trees be known as the "Relief Society Centennial Tree";
3. That wherever desired, a suitable marker be placed near the tree, designating it as a tree planted in commemoration of the Relief Society Centennial in 1942;
4. That the co-operation of Branch Presidents be enlisted in carrying forward this project and in acquainting all members of the community with this feature of the Relief Society Centennial year;
5. That the Centennial Trees be planted on or near March 17th, 1942, the Hundredth Anniversary of the Society, wherever local weather conditions permit and wherever this season of the year is suitable for planting;
6. That the Trees be planted by the Relief Society Branch Presidents with whatever assistance they may need;
7. That a simple ceremony be arranged for the planting of each tree;
8. That each Relief Society planting a tree arrange to have a responsible person give the necessary early care until the tree is established, and that permanent care be arranged for by the Society, so that the tree will always be a source of beauty and pride to all its members.

MIRIAM MANN,
Secretary, British Mission Relief Society Board.

GENEALOGY

Chairman - - - - - - Elder James R. Cunningham
Assistants - - - - - - - - Elder Ira Wm. Mount
Sister Catherine L. M. Horner
Sister Hilda M. Woodford

"They were Loyal Hearts, they were Spirits brave,
They were Souls that were kind and true;
They gave to the world the best they had;
And that best has come down to you."

It has been noticed that during the past year, 1941, many of the Branches have had a thoroughly efficient Genealogical Class functioning in the Branch. This is viewed with some pleasure by the British Mission Genealogical Board. The General Authorities in Zion are stressing this work to the utmost capacity. However, it is felt that here in the British Mission there is nothing like the interest shown that there should be for this important work.

We are now standing on the threshold of the year 1942, and there is time for every Branch to go into this matter, but remember time will not wait for us to begin. There is only so much time for us to make a move, and if we fail, time passes on leaving us no further advanced than last year.

The worth of souls is great in the sight of the Lord and the Saviour's message contained in the Parable of the Lost Sheep brings to us a striking emphasis of how worthy some of the souls of our ancestors would also be to us, and to God:

Every married man in the Mission Field stands at the head of his family, and will so stand in that exalted position in the Celestial Kingdom of our Heavenly Father if he adheres to the teachings of the Gospel. Would we not be much happier with not only our own immediate loved ones but also those of bygone generations who were our progenitors? Let the thought strike home, that without them we would not have had the opportunity of coming to the earth. Therefore, to them we owe a great debt.

We can repay that in part with service; service of a two-fold nature. First, gather their names and records, link by link, and then in the Temples of the Lord erected for these ordinances of the Gospel, perform the vicarious work that will permit them to progress along lines of righteousness that will eventually lead them to the realms where God doth dwell. Should we be happy there, with our own wives and children, and yet perhaps our loved parents or grandparents were outside that realm because we had been too selfish to do the necessary work that would have set them free to advance and progress eternally?

It is desired that every family be brought into the scope of this activity, and this year we desire to see a banner year with every Branch functioning to the fullest degree in this work, "Our Greatest Responsibility."

Will all Branch Presidents please take this matter in hand and let us know, without fail, what is needed in your Branch to get this work going? The new lesson course for this coming year will be ready the first week in 1942; the price being 1s. per copy. Kindly furnish us with the number of books required for your Branch before the end of this month.

BRITISH MISSION GENEALOGICAL BOARD.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - - - - Elder James R Cunningham
First Assistant - - - - - - Elder W. O. Chipping
Second Assistant - - - - Sister Winifred A. Osborn

PRELUDE:

Deseret Sunday School Song, No. 13, second line.

SACRAMENT GEM, JANUARY:

We'll sing all hail to Jesus' name,
And praise and honour give,
To Him who bled on Calvary's hill
And died that we might live.

POSTLUDE:

Last line, same song.

Dear Sunday School Workers,

We are rapidly approaching the new year, and feel it is a good time to ask you to check up on your Sunday School. Have you made adequate preparations for your Sunday School to function even better in 1942?

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Check up on rolls, and see that Secretary is in possession of new minute book, roll book, and report pad, to start the new year well.
2. Have you sufficient lesson books for 1942 for all classes? If not, please order immediately or it may be too late.
3. Be sure to start punctually, and finish promptly; late starting does not help others to come any earlier.
4. Resolve to hold regular prayer meetings to promote a good spiritual feeling among officers and teachers, before Sunday School commences.
5. Obtain enough **Visual Aids** (blackboards, pictures, texts, maps, sand tables, plasticine, etc.) for all departments of the Sunday School.
6. Remember to consult the Mission Board if you have any problems.

We wish you success in the planning of your 1942 Sunday School.

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

M.I.A.

Y.M.M.I.A. Superintendent - - - Elder James P. Hill
Y.W.M.I.A. President - - - Sister Madeline E. Hill
Assistants - - - - - - - - Elder Melvin W. Dunn
Sister Louisa R. Lawman
Acting Executive Secretary - - - Sister Mollie Smith
Mission Beekeeper - - - - - - Sister Edith G. Rees

FIRST, may we apologise for not having sent out the membership cards as we stated we were going to in the last Auxiliary Issue of the "Star." This action has been unfortunately delayed, but by now those who have ordered will have either received them or they are on their way to you.

NOW, M.I.A. WORKERS, how are you tackling your Achievement Programme? The advantage, you know, lies not only in the ultimate success you may win, but in the enthusiasm you put into your efforts. Your organisation must also benefit from the endeavours you make to carry it on in an efficient and orderly manner. Friendly competition has always been a great inducement to workers to achieve effectual results. In connection with the Individual Achievement Programme, one little query has arisen. To be able to check up on punctuality at the end of the season, be sure to mark your membership cards with a P if you are PUNCTUAL to meeting, and just a tick if present, but tardy.

A RECENT REQUEST made of District Presidents to notify us as to who are acting as Supervisors in their Districts has brought in information from about half the Districts. Will other District Presidents please supply the information required soon.

REPORTS are still not coming in as they should. From the data we have now, we know that several of the Branches that have organisations functioning are not reporting. **PLEASE HELP US IN THIS.** SUPERVISORS—visit your Branches and gee them up. Impress upon them the importance of keeping M.I.A. Headquarters informed of the state of affairs in the Field. Church Headquarters in Zion will want to know the condition of M.I.A. in this country. We want to show a good report for the Mission, and we believe we can; but we MUST have your co-operation. Will you help us in this?

Keep your eye on the Year-Round Programme of Activities for each month. An OLD ENGLISH CHRISTMAS PARTY is scheduled for this month, in addition to a Dance. We are sure that there can be no dearth of ideas in connection with this. It will surely be a pleasure for everyone to work to make a success of the former function. DO YOUR BEST!

PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1942.

THE CYCLE OF LIFE.

Organ Prelude.

Song Service—"O My Father."
"Hope of Israel."
"Let us All Press On."

Invocation.

Scripture Reading—Doctrine and Covenants 76: 50-59.

Presentation of M.I.A. Theme.

1st Speaker—The Life Before; Intelligence; Spirit Bodies; the Council in Heaven and the Divine Plan. References: Job 38: 4, 7; Abraham 3: 22, 23; Doctrine and Covenants 76: 22-24; 43: 23, 29.

2nd Speaker—Infancy; The importance of receiving a body as a home for the spirit; The joy of parents in the birth of each child. Childhood: Play and happiness; Schooldays; Baptism; The foundations of character and religious concepts.

Musical rendering.

3rd Speaker—Youth: Romance and beauty; Physical, mental, moral and spiritual development; Recreation; Mating.
Marriage and Parenthood: Home building and child training.

4th Speaker—Maturity, age and the future life; Intellectual and cultural growth; appreciation of life; Memories and the sweetness and peace that the years bring; The raising of the curtain and the return of the spirit to its Heavenly home and Eternity; The condition of the after-life dependant upon the life lived in mortality.

BEEHIVE GIRLS

During the past year, two new Classes of Beehive Girls have been organised. These classes have begun with good spirit and a keen interest, which we hope will increase with each year of study. We sincerely welcome you all into our ranks.

During the winter months we hope you will find time to take your regular daily walks and that you notice the trees and pictures of nature which surround you. It is during these months when the evenings darken so early that we can fill our reading cells in Religion and Literature, and don't forget to get together for your "Arts and Crafts" cells. Bring forward your suggestions of making shoe pads and pin cushions from those odd cuttings; can you make a doll for baby sister from daddy's old sock and mother's needle and button? There are a hundred and one ways of filling these cells that will bring you happy hours in the black-out period.

Beehive Girls! get together and exchange ideas. Make your Beehive Class the most happy, active and progressive class that your District has ever experienced.

EDITH G. REES.

PRIMARY

Acting Supervisor: Edna Gardner

OUR OBJECTIVE FOR THE MONTH:

Dare to do right, Dare to be true,
You have a work no other can do.

MEMORY GEM:

Endurance is my second name,
Life tries my soul, still I obey,
For duty shouts out "Play the Game,"
And love repeats the echo "Play."

MONTHLY THEME.

To obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams.

LESSON TOPIC:
See Young Folks' Page (this issue).

LARK GIRLS—9 years of age. Motto: Love lights the way.

Lark girls work in the following fields—Spiritual, Health, Home, Courtesy and Kindness. A small candle sticker is given for each assignment completed.

Spiritual:
Memorising verses of Scripture.

Health:
Cleaning teeth, coming to Primary clean, knowing the correct food to eat.

Home:
Doing cheerfully anything mother asks you to do.

Courtesy and kindness:
No definite assignment.

Symbol:
Head band made from orange and brown crepe paper, with a lighted candle outlined on the front.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO HAVE SENT IN THEIR REPORTS. YOU ARE DOING A FINE WORK.

CHRISTMAS TIME IS PRESENT TIME

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